



He who's not
BUSY BEING
BORN IS BUSY
dying....

"Amor et castus vestris" - Mass for graduation
(Agape at the end)

Mass of the Most Precious Blood
of Our Lord Jesus Christ
in memory of the Class of 1973
MAY 31 BACCALAUREATE MASS

Cardinal Stritch High School

June 3, 1973

Concelebrants: The Reverend John A. Thomas
Area Pastors
Priest-Teachers

Homilist: The Reverend Thomas A. Redding
Director, Office of Community Relations
Diocese of Toledo

Readers: Sharon Mehlman, Sharon Morgillo
Cathy Ulman, Mary Sue Bihn, Heidi Laing
Barbara Meng, Floyd Zitzman, Sue Hall

Procession: "Trumpet Voluntary"
Entrance of the Class of 1973,
the Faculty of Cardinal Stritch,
and Priest-Concelebrants.

Special thanks to Rev. Thomas Leyland
who planned and coordinated this
Liturgical Celebration.

Introduction: Theme of today's Mass--read by
Sharon Mehlman.
(please be seated)

Entrance Song: "We've Only Just Begun"
(please join in singing)

We've only just begun to live
The new day promises
A wish for luck and we're on our way.
Before the rising sun we fly
So many roads to choose
We start out walking and learn to run
And yes, we've just begun.

Sharing horizons that are new to us,
Watching the signs along the way
Each turn will bring a different view to us.
Working together today --- together.

And when the evening comes, we smile,
So much of life ahead
We'll find a place where there's room to grow
We've only just begun.

Greeting and Penitential Rite:

(Please respond to the petitions for mercy by
singing the following refrain after each.)

Pardon your people in our weakness
Give us strength, Lord, give us peace.
We wish to serve you, you, our living God
In the name of your Son.

Prayer for the Church: Offered by Priest/Celebrant

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Reading I: "He Lives" by Sister Athena
--read by Sharon Morgillo

Response Visual Meditation with recording of
"Spring" by John Denver

Spring:

Open up your eyes and see the brand new day
A clear blue sky and brightly shining sun
Open up your ears and hear the breezes say
Everything that's cold and gray is gone.
Open up your hands and feel the rain come down
Taste the wind and smell the flowers' sweet perfume
Open up your mind and let the light come in
The earth has been reborn and life goes on.

Do you care what's happening around you?
Do your senses know the changes when they come?
Can you see yourself reflected in the seasons?
Can you understand the need to carry on?

Riding on the tapestry of all there is to see
So many ways, and oh, so many things.
Rejoicing in the differences--
There's no-one just like me
Yet, as different as we are, we're still the same.

And, oh I love the life within me
I feel a part of everything I see
And, oh I love the life around me
A part of everything is here in me.
A part of everything is here in me.

Reading II: Sirach 42:15-25 --read by Cathy Ulman

"He makes known the past and the future, and
reveals the deepest secrets."

Gospel Procession: (Please join in singing)

"You fill the day with your glory and your power
You fill the night with your quiet and your
deep love."

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

"I entrusted to them the message you entrusted
to me and they received it."

Homily: Father Thomas Redding

Prayer of the Faithful: Petitions of the Class of '73
--read by Mary Sue Bihn, Heidi Laing, Barb Meng

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts: Offerings of the Class of '73

Representatives of the class bring forward symbols of their four years at Cardinal Stritch. These years have won them honor in academic, spiritual, social, and athletic concerns. The class president, Rick Palombi, presents the class gift to Father Thomas at this time.

Explanation: Floyd Zitzman and Sue Hall

Offertory Song: "All That I Am"

(Please join in singing)

All that I am, all that I do
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honor, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you
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Preface Acclamation: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (sung by all)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Great Amen: (sung by all)

The Lord's Prayer: (sung by all)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come thy will be done, hallowed be thy name
On earth as it is in heaven, hallowed be thy name
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed be thy name
And forgive us all our trespasses, hallowed be thy name
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
Hallowed be thy name
But deliver us from all that is evil
Hallowed be thy name

(priest/celebrant prays for the church)

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Hallowed be thy name

(Prayer for peace in our world)

Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed be thy name.

At the Sign of Peace: Visual Memories of the Class of '73
--recording of John Denver's "Friends"

What a friend we have in time Gives us children
Makes us wine Tells us what to take or leave behind
And the gifts of growing old All the stories to be
told All the feeling more precious than gold.

Friends, I will remember you, think of you
Pray for you; And when another day is through
I'll still be friends with you.

Baby's days are never long
Mother's laugh is baby's song
Gives us all a hope to carry on.

Friends, I will remember you, think of you
Pray for you; And when another day is through
I'll still remember you.

Songs During Communion:

1) "I Am the Resurrection"

Refrain: I am the resurrection and the life
He who believes in me will never die
I am the resurrection and the life
He who believes in me will live a new life.

--I have come to bring the truth; I have come to
bring you life; If you believe then you shall live.

--In my word all men will come to know; It is love
which makes the spirit grow. If you believe than
you shall live.

--Keep in mind the things that I have said;
Remember me in the breaking of the bread.
If you believe then you shall live.

2) "Men of Faith"

Refrain: Men of faith, men of hope, sent to heal
and sent to serve; Men of faith, men of hope, sent
to bring his word to men, and to love, love, love
all men in his name.

--Wounded hearts, shackled men, heavy-burdened and
pained with care, Little children, aged men, all
our people and all in need of our love, love, love
and care--love and care.

--Young people, growing up, living in a world
confused; Lonely people, closed within--All God's
people and all in need of our love, love, love
and care--love and care.

--Jobless men, lacking hope, people beaten down for
years. Widowed mother, crying child, and oh so
many and all in need of our love, love, love and
care--love and care.

--We are called, we are sent, but never will we go
alone. Work with him, spread his name, and know that
he is always there, and his love, love, love and care
are with us.

Meditation After Communion: "Sunrise, Sunset"
--sung by Michelle Verkin

Sunrise, Sunset

Sunrise, Sunset

Swiftly flow the days;

Seedling turn overnight to sunflowers

Blossoming even as we gaze.

Sunrise, Sunset

Sunrise, Sunset

Swiftly fly the years

One season following another

Laden with happiness and tears.

Closing Song: "Be A New Man" (Refrain sung by all)

Refrain: Be a new man; a new day's on its way.

Be a new man; your life begins today.

With a new heart, and a new song, and a new faith

We can all belong to one man, and each man forever.

--You know what it's like to walk without a light,
a guide, a trusting hand to cling to. To have a
song, a special song, with melody that's all your
own, and no-one there to sing to. Well stand up
now, one man has dared to live a life entirely free
shackled only by his love, his love for you and me.
Your day is won; our God has come; He's sent his
Son; a new day's on its way. (Refrain)

--Yes, and when we say no and learn to grow, to
live without each other's heart to share, we soon
look back down roads of black with crippled eyes
and aching back, and see that we've been nowhere.
Well stand up now; one man has dared to live a
life for you and me, with his hands held up by
love and his love blood pouring free. His life
we'll share a new somewhere if we will dare a new
day on its way. (Refrain)

--We've watched till we're blind; our closed and sterile mind and heart forget the day he's shown us. We count up all the steps we take and hesitate with each mistake till courage has outgrown us. Well stand up now; he doesn't tell us how or where to sing our song. No, he only hurts when we sing it wrong. Stand true yourself; give all yourself. It's ours to help a new day on its way. (Refrain)

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"And so it seems that there's a lot of sense in living
When the world we know starts giving.
We can spread our wings and fly some sunny day.
But until we all fly together,
What sense does it make?"

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